

# Polci

## Nigeria

Physical Exertion: **DIFFICULT**  
Resources: **LIMITED**  
Threat Level: **MEDIUM**  
Freedom: **RESTRICTED**



### SUMMARY

30,000 population, remote, estimated 900 Christians, some gospel recordings available

### DETAILS

**Who are they?** The Polci are actually a cluster of several people groups, the Zul, Baram, Dir, Langas and Polci. They have an estimated population of 30,000.

**What is their primary religion?** African Traditional Religion mixed with Islam.

**Where are they?** The Polci are found in Bauchi State in Northern Nigeria.

**Do they have a Christian witness?** There are several Christians among the Polci, but there are still villages with no Christian witness.

**What strategies are being implemented for reaching this people group?**

- There are Baptist churches in the area that welcome the Polci though they do not specifically target the Polci for evangelism.

**Suggestions and rationale for engaging this people group:** An Engaging Church can work jointly with a Nigerian Baptist church to begin going to the Polci. Training is needed for the Nigerian Baptists who are attempting to plant churches, especially Church Planting Movement methodologies. The Nigerian Baptist church would need to go frequently for storying or other outreach to establish a presence there.

**What specific challenges or opportunities could directly affect the engagement of this people?**

- Remote and primitive living conditions
- Lack of accessibility, especially during rainy season (May-October)
- Strict Islamic law, called Shari'a law, is in force in the state in which the Polci live, therefore, local government officials are able to stop the work

**Specific Opportunities/Benefits:**

- Polci Christians could help with evangelism and church planting
- Gospel recordings are available in their language
- Many resources available in Hausa, which many speak

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